

In the Claims:

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1 (previously presented). An antibody that specifically binds to mammalian IgE at an epitope wherein said epitope is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO: 10 and SEQ ID NO:11.

2 (currently amended). The antibody of claim 1, wherein said mammalian IgE is dog IgE; ~~further wherein said dog IgE~~ and wherein said epitope is a dog IgE epitope SEQ ID NO: 9.

3 (original). The antibody of claim 1, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

4 (original). The antibody of claim 1, wherein said antibody is a mouse antibody.

5 (original). The antibody of claim 1 coupled to a detectable group.

6 (original). The antibody of claim 1 coupled to a member of a specific binding pair.

7 (original). A method of testing for allergen reactivity of an IgE sample, comprising the steps of:

(a) contacting a sample containing IgE to a solid support, said solid support having an allergen coupled thereto; and then

(b) contacting said solid support to at least one antibody of claim 1, and then

(c) determining the presence or absence of antibody coupled to said solid support, the presence of antibody coupled to said solid support indicating that said IgE in said sample is reactive to said allergen.

8 (original). The method of claim 7, wherein said determining step is carried out by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA).

9 (original). The method of claim 7, wherein said allergen is selected from the group consisting of mold, pollen, dust mite, milk, egg, soy, peanut and corn allergens.

10 (original). The method of claim 7, wherein said sample is a biological sample collected from a dog, cat or horse.

11 –24 (cancelled).

25 (previously presented). A test kit, comprising:

(a) a monoclonal antibody that specifically binds to an epitope of a mammalian IgE wherein said epitope is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, and SEQ ID NO:3; and

(b) a monoclonal antibody that specifically binds to an epitope of mammalian IgE wherein said epitope is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, and SEQ ID NO:11.

26 (original). The test kit of claim 25, wherein at least one of said monoclonal antibodies is coupled to a detectable group.